

WESTLAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Create a Documentary Video \$3,000



The subject matter of bullying is a topic that has caught national attention in its pervasiveness within schools. Mount Pleasant schools have taken the preemptive initiative of implementing the Olweus program to make them a safe and happy place for our children.

Westlake Middle School students have been teaming up with a professional videographer to create a documentary that expands on the anti-bullying work with students that is already occurring through teacher and student collaborations. The video will document the anti-bullying mural created by the students. It will be a vehicle for exploration of topics that are relevant and significant to the middle school child.



WESTLAKE HIGH SCHOOL

Bring on the Lights \$526



Lighting is an essential part of photography. Students enrolled in Westlake High School's Photography classes are taught ways of capturing light using their Film Single Lens Reflex Cameras (SLR) and Digital Single Lens Reflex Cameras (DSLR).

Capturing light that looks natural and realistic is something that is taught early in Photo 1. However, as students build their skills and their projects become more elaborate the need for additional lights becomes important to further their skills and passion for photography. This grant provided funds to upgrade the school's shooting studio with a portrait lighting kit, backdrops, umbrellas, and essential hardware.

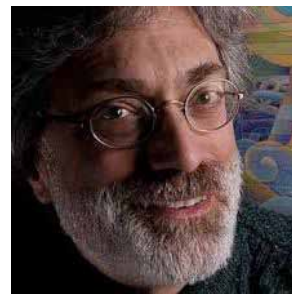
Advanced Glazing for Ceramic Students \$1,038

Studio Art curriculums address sculptural design, many times utilizing clay for 3-D projects.

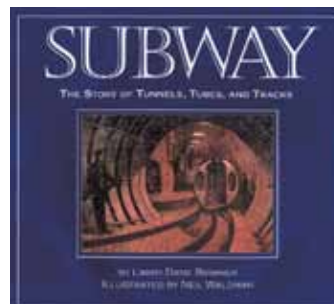
The glazing station enables Studio Art students to dip their works in vats of glazes, thus achieving effects more akin to those produced by college level and professional ceramic artists.



Professional Seminar with Author/Illustrator Neil Waldman \$1,200



Enriching student learning with the love of art and literature is a goal in our district. Neil Waldman, esteemed author/illustrator of more than 50 children's books, visited our school campus and presented to our art and ELA students sharing his experience and inspiring them creatively and conceptually.



College Tours \$2,000

The college tours provide workshops for students, information sessions where student learn details about each school, possible collegiate classroom experiences and campus tours at two colleges per trip.

The high school students enjoy a mentored college visit, broadening the college exposure earlier than the traditional late-junior year.



2012-2013 grant summary

iPads College Tours Neil Waldman
 Leveled Readers Social Play Documentary Video
 Ceramic Glazing Station Independent Reading
 Document Camera Lighting Equipment Smartboard



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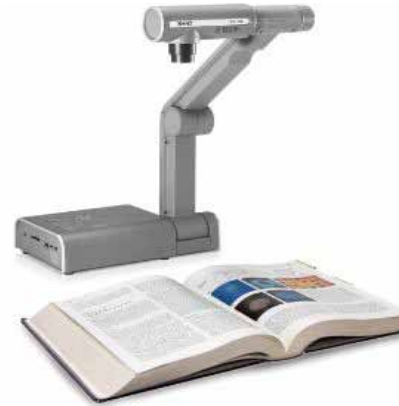
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HAWTHORNE ELEMENTARY

Smartboard Document Camera/Visual Presenter \$674

The Smartboard document camera enables students to observe teacher demonstrations, magnification of real three-dimensional objects, and manipulation of authentic documents and pages from books, all projected in real time onto any white surface. It also allows students to manipulate their own documents and receive immediate feedback from teachers and peers, a powerful and engaging teaching tool for learners of all ages.



Classroom Library Enrichment \$2,514



Having a fully-stocked, leveled library is an essential component of any balanced literacy program. A leveled book library is a large set of books organized in levels of difficulty from the easy books that an emergent reader might begin with, to the longer, more complex books that advanced readers will select.

Leveled book libraries support "Guided Reading" and "Differentiated Reading" aligning instruction and learning opportunities with the level and characteristics of the individual student. The classroom library was enriched with a variety of texts ranging in DRA levels from 3 to 24, a set of fluency timers and a browser cart to make the books accessible to the students.

Embracing Reading through the Shared and Independent Experience \$8,500

Shared Reading is a powerful tool that helps familiarize young students with a multitude of reading behaviors that a strong, fluent reader should possess. The experiences gained in Shared Reading lend themselves beautifully to Independent Reading.

Young readers can take what has been modeled, whether it is using the pictures and beginning sounds to figure out a tricky word or changing their voices to accurately show dialogue, and use it while reading texts that are at their appropriate reading level. Through Shared Reading and Independent Reading, Common Core standards can be met.



Message from the Mount Pleasant Education Foundation Board of Directors

The Mt. Pleasant Educational Foundation is a private, not-for-profit organization established to raise funds to foster, encourage, and promote public education programs in the Mt. Pleasant Central School District. One-hundred percent of the net proceeds benefit the students of our District as their learning experience is enhanced by the educational programs financed by the grants. The Foundation awarded over \$42,000 in grants during the 2012-2013 grant cycle and since inception has provided more than \$450,000 in grants to the District.

Our mission is to facilitate the acquisition of resources to benefit and energize the educational processes of the Mt. Pleasant Central School District. The primary objective is to expand beyond the programs funded by the district's tax base. This process can only happen with your involvement. Volunteers are always welcome to join us.



Social Play: A Critical Piece to the Kindergarten Puzzle \$3,600

The American Academy of Pediatrics urges time and opportunities for what it describes as "active child-centered play" to foster children's physical, social and emotional well being. Moreover, there are clear links between pretend play and social and linguistic competence.

Using blocks, drama/pretend, puzzles, and centers for art, computer/technology, listening and math, Kindergarten classrooms have added tools to support large- and small-motor play, imaginative play and rules-based play.



iPad 2 School Wide Grant \$14,645

The iPad is a powerful educational tool with over 275,000 applications. Students can enjoy access to an endless array of fiction and non-fiction eBooks. With amazing picture clarity, students have access to an unsurpassable photo gallery that provides three-dimensional, interactive images.

The iPad offers kinesthetic learning activities that are engaging and visually stimulating for students of all ages. Our teachers now have access to a class set of 32 iPads housed in a mobile cart that charges iPads while not in use.



COLUMBUS ELEMENTARY

iPad 2, Apps and Accessories \$1,207



Much research has shown that children with autism spectrum disorders can benefit greatly from the use of personalized computerized instruction in the area of language acquisitions and comprehension, spontaneous speech, reading comprehension, social/emotional development, and pragmatic skills. Paper and pencil tasks might be difficult for the students to complete independently due to motoric or attention deficits.

Students can now use the iPad 2 to access and demonstrate their knowledge in a meaningful way, while also building their attention span. As a Speech

Language Pathologist, the teacher uses the device to target apraxia, articulation, language and pragmatics skills. The data tracking capabilities of the iPad Apps greatly enhance students' abilities to self-monitor their targeted skills.

Smartboard Technology \$3,500



When educators use Smartboard technology in the classroom, lessons come alive, learner's attention is captured and students become actively involved.

With the use of a Smartboard, students who rely on visual information and students who have limited motor skills are better able to engage in lessons. With the addition of a Smartboard to her classroom, the grant winner enhanced speech-language intervention for students with Autism and other significant learning and language needs.